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Dear friends,

This past year has been filled with trail miles, hut stays, and shared adventures—all made possible by you. With every gift, volunteer hour, and step along the trail, you've kept the magic of Maine's backcountry alive.

Your generosity has carried us through a time of rebuilding into a new era of stability and strength. Today, Maine Huts & Trails is thriving, buoyed by enthusiastic guests, vibrant community programs, and renewed energy for the important work that lies ahead. Together, we can ensure the huts and trails remain a place of connection and discovery for generations to come.

In 2025, we maintained and groomed 35 miles of trails and bridges, reconditioned three huts and their green energy systems, and added new signage to guide guests. We welcomed an increasing number of youth and families, expanded community programs, and built partnerships with like-minded organizations. Watching families unplug, school groups reach their first peaks, and community organizations gather around wood stoves reminds us why this work matters—these huts and trails are gateways to memory, discovery, and connection.

Looking ahead, we are eager to help more people connect with the backcountry, with one another, and with the responsibility of caring for the land. We are committed to maintaining trails and bridges, enhancing our off-grid energy systems, and expanding programs that bring youth and families outdoors. We continue to make progress toward reopening Grand Falls Hut, guided by an expertly prepared, multi-year plan. With your enduring generosity, Maine Huts & Trails will remain a place of exploration, wonder, and belonging for all who follow the trails.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of this incredible community. With gratitude for your partnership, we hope to meet you on the trails, share stories in the huts, and continue building lasting connections in the backcountry.

Yours in Adventure,

Bob Peixotto Wolfe Tone

Bob Peixotto, Board President & Wolfe Tone, Executive Director

TOGETHER ON THE TRAIL

EXPANDING BACKCOUNTRY ACCESS



With support from L.L.Bean and donors like you, $25,000 in scholarships opened the huts to families, students, and community groups. Scholarships removed financial barriers so more people could discover Maine's wild places. Countless hikes, campfires, and sunrise experiences were made possible by your support.

In its 7th year, our Trailblaze Challenge with Make-A-Wish had its most successful season yet. Close to one hundred hikers came together to raise funds and log miles. With your support, this tradition continues to bring hope, resilience, and joy to children and families across Maine.

MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Your generosity inspires others to give back. The Falmouth High School Outing Club returned for a second year of service, preparing Flagstaff Lake Hut for summer. Their work reflects your impact: when donors invest in huts and trails, volunteers follow, ensuring these spaces remain welcoming for all.

COMMUNITY HUBS

Thanks to you, Flagstaff Lake, Poplar Stream, and Stratton Brook Huts opened for 87 winter days. Hut crews kept free coffee flowing and wood stoves filled, creating a place for skiers, families, and friends to connect. Every shared story and fireside gathering was possible because of your support.



ENERGY CONSERVATION



At Poplar Stream Hut, our hydroelectric system reduced propane use by 80% this winter. Supported by your gifts and volunteer time, the system keeps the hut sustainable while providing comfort for guests. Together, we're proving that backcountry experiences can be both inspiring and environmentally responsible.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Your support made winter adventures free and accessible. Through six guided programs—from ski treks to snowshoe and fat bike rides—73 people explored the huts and trails. For many, it was a first-time experience; for others, a joyful reconnection with familiar landscapes.





BY THE NUMBERS: A YEAR ON THE TRAILS

Every mile groomed, meal served, and youth welcomed into the backcountry tells the story of a community powered by your generosity. These numbers highlight the ways your support kept huts open, trails cared for, and people connected to Maine's wild places.

People & Community

1,086 *youth and community visitors discovered the backcountry overnight*

$25,000 *in scholarships awarded via the L.L. Bean, Maine Huts & Trails Youth Outdoor Experience Fund*

83% *of visiting groups received financial aid*

Trails & Huts

1,391 *winter overnight guests welcomed to the huts*

5,439 *meals shared around hut tables*

11,754 *miles trekked by winter guests*

40 *cords of wood split & stacked to keep huts cozy*

Sustainability & Service

80% *reduction in propane use at Poplar Stream Hut, thanks to our hydroelectric system*

192 *volunteer hours contributed during self service stays to support hut operations*

STORIES THAT STICK

Testimonies and Tales



Winter Guests

"We absolutely loved our stay with Maine Huts & Trails! The food was amazing, the huts were so cozy, the staff was so nice, and the gear check was a huge plus. Beautiful trails for both snowshoeing and XC skiing. One of the highlights of our year! Will definitely be back :)"

– Sandra, winter hut guest

Creating Access for All

"The hut offered a place where we could listen to stories, cook together, reflect by the water, and learn from one another surrounded by the beauty of the forest and the waters of Flagstaff Lake. The setting gave our group a rare opportunity to disconnect from the noise of the outside world and reconnect with ourselves, each other, and the land.

Woliwoni – thank you." – Wabanaki Youth in Science





Bringing Youth to the Outdoors

"Apex Youth Connection had a blast at Stratton Brook Hut! The hut was clean, functional, and beautiful. Being in the Carrabassett Valley with our kids was an amazing experience for them-getting them outside and biking on trails in parts of Maine they've never been to and getting to ignite their passions of mountain biking- I know it was a life changing experience for them."

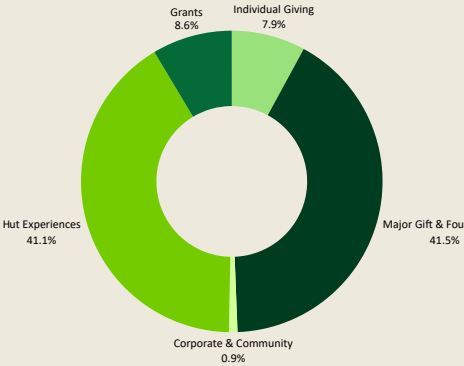
–Apex Youth Connection

THE HUT LEDGER

The Hut Ledger offers a transparent look at how contributions fuel the experiences, connections, and opportunities that define MH&T.

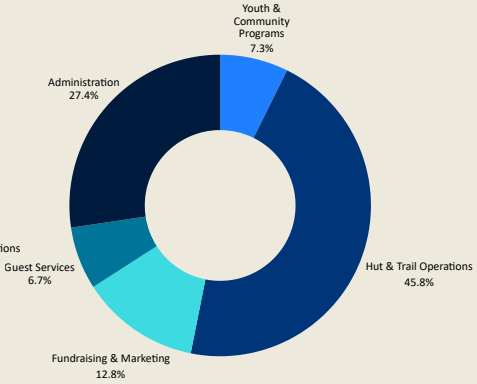


REVENUES



Total Revenues $1,082,045

EXPENSES



Total Expenses $1,031,833

Our work relies on partners who share our commitment to access, stewardship, and connection. In FY2025, these organizations provided funding and support that kept trails maintained, huts cared for, and programs thriving.

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The Betterment Fund
Carrabassett Coffee Co.
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OUR GUIDING COMMUNITY

We are deeply grateful to the individuals, families, and organizations who invest in Maine Huts & Trails. Your generosity keeps our huts welcoming, our trails well cared for, and our mission alive. Every gift helps us connect more people with the backcountry and strengthens the community that sustains us.

Thank you for being part of this journey—from Trailhead to Peak, together you make our shared vision possible.

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The Maine Huts & Trails experience is a journey through ancestral lands of the Wabanaki, and we are honored to collaborate with the Penobscot people in sharing and caring for these places. We invite all who journey here to do so with gratitude and respect for the land and its original stewards.


Every step forward is fueled by friends like you. Please help us keep moving by scanning here: